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# Baguio records 2,454 drug surrenderees

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) recorded some two thousand four hundred fifty-four drug surrenderees in the city following the intensified anti-drug operations of the Duterte administration over a year ago to curb illegal drugs nationwide and prevent the youth from being involved in illegal drugs.

Senior Superintendent Ramil L. Saculles, BCPO City Director, said of the total number of drug surrenderees in the city, 2,018 were said to be drug users while 436 are drug pushers.

From July 1, 2016, to January 2017, BCPO recorded 2,362 drug surrenderees wherein 1, 979 are drug users and 383 are said to drug pushers.

When the government's enhanced anti-drug campaign was implemented starting March 6 this year, the local police force accounted for 92 drug surrenderees wherein 53 were drug pushers **Cont. on page 3**



**THE FIRST IFUGAO INDIGENOUS SPORT GAMES** - Among the contested events during the Ifugao Indigenous Sports Day is the 'Munbayu' / rice pounding. The participants, in their native attires, shall pound a 3-kilogram heirloom 'tinawon' palay within 20 minutes, then later on judged by the quality of the husked grain, speed (time finished), weight of the grains, and compliance to the set rules. This activity was sponsored by the Philippine Sport Commission./Photo courtesy of Vicenta Buy-ag

**Bakit ang daming drug surrenderees at mukhang alang "NANLABAN". Wala bang budget para sa mga "NANLABAN". Naku, baka mapatalsik ang City Director kung kakaunti ang natitigok, lack of accomplishment???**



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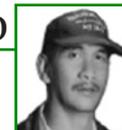
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# Hauling is still best option in disposing garbage

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan underscored the temporary hauling of the city’s residual waste to the Capas sanitary landfill remains the doable and best option in getting rid of a potential garbage crisis while the city is working out long-term solutions to the decade-old garbage problem.

The local chief executive pointed out his administration was able to lower the excessive hauling cost from the previous P3,200 per ton to only a little over P1,400 per ton to this date because of the local government’s unrelenting and uncompromising effort to locate haulers who could provide the least cost but efficient service in disposing the city’s residual waste to an accredited sanitary landfill.

“It will be far more expensive if it will be the local government that will do the hauling of garbage at source and then haul it to the Capas landfill. It is still best that we have qualified haulers who have waste transfer stations to haul the city’s residual waste to the accredited landfill,” Domogan stressed.

If it will be the local government that will do

the hauling, he admitted that the city’s existing garbage trucks will not be enough to do the hauling of waste at source and the hauling of garbage to the accredited landfill, thus, the need for the city to purchase at least 15 more garbage trucks to be added to its existing serviceable trucks so that there will be some trucks that will be devoted for the hauling of waste outside the city.

According to him, the local government will have to also invest in the hiring of additional personnel to work on the trucks that will be purchased which will take some time because of the requirements in the hiring of personnel aggravated by the prescribed limit of 45 percent devoted for personal services enshrined in the provisions of the Local government code of the Philippines.

Currently, the city is hauling out some 155 tons of residual waste from the hauler’s waste transfer station to the Capas sanitary landfill.

He explained the local government cannot simply relax in dealing with the increasing volume of waste generated by the residents

and visitors, thus, it made as a requirement in the selection of the hauler the existence of its waste transfer station accredited by the environment and natural resources department where the hauled waste from the barangays will be segregated to ascertain the residual waste that will be hauled out of the city.

Domogan said competition among haulers is encouraged on who can provide the city with the advantageous offer but during the bidding process, it is M.A. Camilo freight services that always comes out as the qualified hauler because of the presence of its registered and accredited waste transfer station which is now being questioned by some residents in the area.

He asserted any interested hauler wanting to dislodge the existing hauler can participate in future bidding of the hauling services provided that, the sole proprietor or the company has an established waste transfer station that is accredited by the environment department to minimize the burden of having to look for one transfer station in the case of the city. /By Dexter A. See

# RPOC alarmed over deteriorating values of youth

**B**AGUIO CITY – The leadership of the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC-CAR) expressed serious concern over the reported rapid increase in rape cases involving the youth, citing

that concerned government agencies and local governments must do something to effectively and efficiently address the possible improvement in the values formation of the people to reduce the

said problem.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan, who chaired the recent joint RPOC and Regional Development Council (RDC) meeting Friday at the Mansion House, said it is important



**FREE TECH4ED AT THE CITY LIBRARY** - Alicia Piacos of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) shows to Secretary to the Mayor Rafael Tallocoy in the presence of DICT regional coordinator Engr. Emil Aboy on how to get easy access on various information platforms through the internet to the different line agencies during the launching of TECH4ED Center at the City Library June 28 which is open for free to the public. /By Bong Cayabyab

# OMB brings anti-piracy IEC campaign in Baguio City

**B**AGUIO CITY - The people as consumers play important role in the campaign against piracy, Optical Media Board (OMB) officials stressed during the General Conference and Multi – Sectoral Assembly at the University of Baguio here on Thursday. OMB Chair and CEO Anselmo Adriano outlined that their mandate is to regulate the transfer of information to optical and magnetic media, whether

original or pirated. More than conducting raids or confiscation of pirated video or audio materials, they are also encouraging registration of even small businesses. Adriano, in a memorandum circular he signed in 2016, directed that all entities with transactions involving importation, exportation, acquisition, sale or distribution of optical and magnetic media as well as manufacturing of equipment, to comply all

requirements of registration and licensing under the Optical Media Act of 2003. It includes registration and acquiring of necessary permits for all entities that uses internal and external hard drives and optical disc writers/drivers for commercial purposes. Given the limitations of OMB in terms of office and personnel, Adriano disclosed that OMB has partnered with the Department of

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regionwide.

“We are alarmed at the increasing number of rape cases in the different parts of the region. We urge concerned government agencies, the local governments and the private sector to do something about improving the values formation of today’s youth to help reduce the rape cases,” Domogan stressed.

He pointed out the increase in the rape cases involving the youth is a sign that parents are not doing their job to be the first teachers of the children that is why appropriate interventions must be in place to address the said problem.

Based on the report of the Police Regional Office (PRO) in the Cordillera, rape cases registered the highest number of cases among index crimes with Ifugao having the highest number of rape cases at 20 from January to May

this year.

Further, Mountain Province recorded 9 rape cases while the other provinces recorded high rape incidents during the same period.

On her part, Janet Armas, regional director of the Cordillera office of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD-CAR), describes the increase of rape cases in the region as alarming although there is a consistent drop in the number of index crimes.

According to her, social welfare and development officers in the different parts of the region have been instructed to work double time in catering to the needs of rape victims while working out the needed interventions for the families of those involved in the rape incidents.

Armas admitted based on the agency’s data, the rape cases were mostly

committed by younger suspects and committed against younger victims who are residents of the communities where they live.

The DSWD-CAR official proposed to the local chief executives to reactivate their gender equality and development (GAD) councils and designate their GAD focal persons to provide adequate measures that will protect the children from the criminal motives of their neighbors and their family members.

Apart from the reactivation of the GAD councils and designation of GAD focal persons, Domogan emphasized various sectors have a lot of homework to do to help in addressing the alarming social problem that is why everyone must work together to spare the younger generations from being involved in such crimes. /By Dexter A. See

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for both the government and the private sector formulate and implement interventions to reducing the number of rape cases being reported

## Baguio PSUDs recognized

**B**AGUIO CITY - The city government here spearheaded by the city social welfare and development office in partnership with other government and non government organization, private as well as religious sector continues to serve and support Persons with Substance Use Disorder (PSUDs) in the city of Baguio.

One of which is the Baguio City Response to Addiction (BERA) wherein a series of sessions where drug surrenderees were being educated on how drugs

causes a long term harm on their health as well as families, how to improve their growth spiritually and how to handle the stigma of being a former drug user.

With the city's Integrated Participatory Community Building Program (PCBP), 36 PSUDs who participated in the said program finished the 36 modular sessions and passed the random drug test were recognized by the city last June 27 at the

Baguio City multi-purpose hall.

It has been reported by the city social welfare and development office that 286 of the 407 listed PSUDs have already completed their rehabilitation programs.

Moreover, the CSWDO continues to make follow-ups on the remaining 121 PSUDs who were not able to finish their inter-

vention and transformation program.

CSWD officer Betty Fangasan stressed that the recovery from addiction is not done overnight and it will take years to totally recover and recuperate from addiction. Thus, the city still continues to look for other sources of livelihood to be utilized by former drug users so as to prevent them from going

back to illegal drugs again.

In his inspirational message, mayor Mauricio Domogan acknowledged the struggles of the PSUDs to be a better individual and for showing their genuine commitment to transform into a better individual. Thus, the local chief executive challenged the PSUDs graduates to totally reform and encouraged them to be a living

example to other drug users.

May your (PSUDs) realization on the negative and bad effects of illegal drugs to your health, loved ones and families be a reminder for you not to go back to the illegal drug activities, stressed Domogan.

As of June, the CSWDO has recorded 119 new PSUDs surren-

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and 39 were drug users.

"We continue to receive drug surrenderees in the different police stations aside from the ones that are being arrested in our anti-drug operations that is why we remain aggressive to help clear the city of illegal drugs," Saculles stressed.

For those users and pushers who want to be brought back to mainstream society, the BCPO chief revealed they are being required to undergo a 12-module integrated participatory community-based rehabilitation program wherein the drug surrenderees are mandated to complete a battery of tests before they will be allowed to graduate from the program.

Based on the latest data obtained from the Cordillera office of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA-CAR), there are still 19 of the city's 128 barangays which are classified as drug-affected barangays because of the presence of reported drug pushers and users therein which has to be neutralized by the police operatives and anti-narcotics agents.

According to him, for as long as there are reported drug pushers and users in the drug-affected barangays, law enforcers will continue to intensify their anti-drug operations in coordination with the concerned sectors of society to stop the proliferation of illegal drugs in their places and spare the youth from being addicted to drugs.

The police official claimed BCPO will continue to be actively involved in the implementation of community-based programs to encourage the active participation of the youth, like the Battle of the Bands, sports events, and other productive activities that will help them shy away from the use of prohibited drugs.

He added BCPO continues to engage the various sectors of the community to help in curbing the use of and trade in illegal drugs as the city remains a transshipment point for drugs, thus, the need for a more aggressive effort in ridding the city of illegal drugs that affects the peace and order situation in the city as the use of illegal drugs have been directly connected to the certain crimes in the past. / By Dexter A. See

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## After a year of DU30, the nation is gravely ill

**I**t is one year, to the day, since the nation came under the spell of President Rodrigo Duterte. He has changed the presidency and the nation as he had promised, except that only his corporate, political and media cronies, choir and echo chamber seem inclined to believe the change has been for the better.

Is the DU30 we see and hear today the same DU30 whom 38 percent of our voters picked in May 2016 over his four other rivals?

Are his supporters today the same guys who thought they had found a savior who would serve the truth, justice and the rule of law, and liberate the poor from poverty?

Are the values DU30 is willing and ready to kill for the same as those which believers and non-believers alike are willing and ready to die for?

Beyond drugs and Marawi

These questions go beyond the drug war and the siege of Marawi City in Lanao del Sur. But they are among the more fundamental questions we should ask in trying to determine, from the nation's vantage point, whether DU30's first year has been a success or a failure.

### EDITORIAL

I have more than a workaday personal interest in this particular discussion. For on the day DU30's minions danced in the streets to celebrate his descent from

the skies of Davao, I asked my friends at the National Transformation Council what could possibly happen if after all the hoopla, the much-reviled B.S. Aquino 3rd ultimately turned out to be a much lesser evil than his lustily cheered successor?

This seemed absolutely unimaginable; no way, I thought, it could happen. PNoy, as everyone had learned to call him, outdistanced his own mother's

failures. But after my efforts to unmask a non-Filipino pretender to the presidency helped clear the way for the durian-eating gunslinger from Davao, I could not avoid one curiosity. Thus, I posed what sounded as an absurd and irreverent question.

#### Prophet of doom

Now, 12 months later, my friends who had laughed heartily at my irreverence think I could not have made a more prescient prediction. Where a famous economist friend of mine has been called a "Prophet of Boom," for consistently predicting the country's sound economic growth despite its serious political flaws, my friends now call me a "Prophet of Doom." True to my fears, the past year brought us moral, political and legal aberrations beyond our wildest apprehensions.

DU30 has repeatedly promised to be harsh. And with his offensive mouth and iron hand, he has proved to be much harsher, much more brutal, much more ego-centric, much more power-driven—and his trolls and sycophants so much more unthinking and fanatical—than anyone could ever have imagined. Killing has become his first and often only solution to his problems, whether it was the drug suspects or the Mautes in the current Marawi siege.

"He has a hammer and everything is a nail," says former Defense Assistant Secretary Ruben Carranza, of the New York-based International Center for Transitional Justice, in a recent CNN interview with Christiane Amanpour.

I would retouch this particularly arresting imagery a bit to say "he sees himself as a hammer and everything else as a nail." Both in the drug war and in the military campaign against the Islamic State-linked Mautes in Marawi, "kill, kill, kill" is the first order that comes from the Commander in Chief's mouth even when there seems to be a clear opportunity of not having to kill.

#### All those killings

In the war on drugs which began on the day he took office, the killing is reported to have already claimed more than 8,000 lives, none of which appears to have been documented except the murder of Mayor Rolando Espinosa of Albuera, Leyte on December 6, 2016, inside his detention cell at the sub-provincial jail in Baybay, Leyte, by a team of policemen from Tacloban, the capital city, at 4 a.m.

The team, led by Police Supt. Marvin Marcos, with 18 others, has been charged with murder, a non-bailable offense, but the Department of Justice has downgraded the charges and authorized bail for all, raising indignant protests from the public.

A communication filed by lawyer Jude Sabio from Mindanao before the International Criminal Court at The Hague claims that DU30 was responsible for 9,400 killings by the Davao Death Squad since he was mayor of Davao City in 1988. The communication is supported by the Magdalo group led by Sen. Antonio Trillanes 4th and Rep. Gary Alejano, who had earlier filed an impeachment complaint against DU30, **Cont. on page 5**

## PROMISES ARE PILING UP. WILL THEY EVER GET FULFILLED?

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### KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

**Bulacan crimes show  
Filipinos have become  
animals**



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without

self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God..." (2 Timothy 3:1-4, the Holy Bible).

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**BULACAN KILLINGS DUE TO DRUGS, BOOZE, AND LACK OF FEAR OF GOD:** It was a potent and deadly mix of illegal drugs and booze, and evident lack of fear and love of God, that truly caused the massacre of five family members in San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan this week, where the 58 year old mother visiting her daughter and the latter's family, and that daughter, were raped and then killed, together with the daughter's three young children.

In a confession given to police and media, Carmelino Ibanez admitted having committed the killings. He said he was under the heavy influence of drugs and of liquor when he went to the house of the victims at about 2 a.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2017.

He disclosed that the victims were in fact even kind and generous towards him, allowing him on many occasions to draw water from their own water supply for his use. Asked what his motive was in carrying out the killings of people who even helped him several times in the past, Ibanez said it was simply a spur of the moment decision, fueled by abuse of illegal drugs and liquor hours before the massacre.

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**58 YEAR OLD WOMAN RAPED AFTER SHE DIED OF 42 STAB WOUNDS:** That assertion of his notwithstanding, I am of the view that it was clearly a crime precipitated by lack of fear and love of God, for only someone who has no God in his heart and mind can commit crimes as heinous as multiple rapes and multiple murders.

Indeed, if Ibanez had fear and love of God, he would not have been abusing illegal substances and indulging in intoxicating drinks. That Ibanez did not have fear and love of God was further shown by the depravity of what he did---after having stabbed the 58 year old woman repeatedly, and apparently after she already died, it was at that point that he proceeded to sexually abuse her.

Imagine raping someone already dead, and full of stab wounds yet? But what is even more incomprehensible and also reprehensible here was **Cont. on page 7**

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## Editorial

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which the President's allies dismissed without a hearing at the House committee on justice. It is awaiting action from ICC Chief Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda's office.

DU30 has remained unmoved despite the plea of many who support his war on drugs, but oppose the summary killing of suspects. He has lately begun saying that the drug lords, none of whom have been identified, arrested or killed, are funding the terrorists.

## Terrorism as a defense?

Whether or not this has any basis, DU30 seems to be preparing his defense against the ICC complaint. By accusing the unnamed drug lords of funding the terrorists, he could try to justify killing the drug suspects, even though these were mostly barefoot pushers or users, rather than drug lords of Pablo Escobar's type.

In Marawi, where the fighting continues despite the long-elapsed self-imposed military deadlines, DU30 has ordered his troops not to hesitate killing, just because of the presence of civilians in the combat zone. This is consistent with his position not to negotiate for the peaceful surrender of any terrorist or a swap of prisoners involving any hostages by the Mautes and the parents of the Maute brothers who had been arrested by the authorities. DU30 appears determined to eliminate the enemy to the last man.

Some Mindanao observers point out that this approach could work with the Tausugs of Sulu, who belong to the warrior class and are normally prepared to fight to the very end. But the Maranaws of Lanao del Sur are normally a trading class and prone to negotiations as a way of settling conflict. DU30's decision to reject all negotiations could radicalize their community, instead of encouraging them to work with government in rebuilding Marawi.

DU30 has to be reminded, these observers point out, that Marawi could not be rebuilt simply by pouring money (P10 billion or P20 billion) into the city, to which China has already contributed P15 million aside from some firearms and ammo with which to fight the Mautes, but by strengthening the roots of the community.

## How Marawi will rise again

The new Marami will rise not on any new infrastructure but on the new sense of solidarity among the Maranaws, the observers insist. And this will be done not by radicals, but by moderates.

There appears to be a growing anxiety that DU30 does not fully understand this.

In the Carranza-Amanpour interview, the CNN anchor asked, "Where is the Philippines going under this President?" This is a question for all Filipinos.

Carranza, who has a master's degree in global public service law from New York University, and works with victims' communities and reparations policymakers not only in the Philippines but also in Nepal, Timor Leste, Indonesia, Palestine, Liberia, Ghana, South Africa and Kenya, as well as with some war crimes tribunals like the ICC and the Extraordinary Chambers in the courts of Cambodia, expressed concern about DU30's rising authoritarianism, the growing violence, the silencing of the opposition, and the vulnerability of elective officials to arbitrary replacement.

To this critic, DU30's governing style has created an atmosphere of instability which has fed more violence. Despite his attempt to take absolute control of government, DU30 has failed not only to decisively take over Marawi, but also to provide the necessary national leadership.

Failure to lead

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## MAGKASANGGA TAYO

- 50K-100K ang multa!!!
- Barangay Recall Elections- dapat lang!!!



BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

**50K-100K ang multa** - Patay kayong mga nambastos ng ating pambansang awit, malaki-laki ang multa. Mula singkwenta mil hanggang isan-daang libong piso o (P50,000 up to P100,000). Ito ang nilalalaman ng kamakailan lang na pinasa na Kongreso na batas:

"MANILA — The House of Representatives has approved on third and final reading the measure updating the rules on the correct rendition of the national anthem Lupang Hinirang, and requiring everyone to sing along when it is played in public.

House Bill No. 5224 also seeks to impose stiff penalties of P50,000 to P100,000 on "any person who, or entity which violates any provision" of the proposed law—much heftier than the P5,000 to P20,000 fine provided for by the current Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines.

Under the proposed measure, singing along when the anthem is played at public gatherings "shall be mandatory and must be done with fervor." It may be noted the current flag code, enacted in 1998, did not use the word "mandatory" when it directed public attendees to sing along during gatherings.

As a sign of respect, all persons must stand at attention facing the Philippine flag, if displayed, or the band or conductor; civilians salute the flag with their right palm over the left chest.

But, the House bill also seeks to provide leeway for people whose religious beliefs prohibit them from singing. The current flag code did not contain any provision, while the House measure states these people "must, nonetheless, show full respect... by standing at attention."

Kaya ayan sige, para sa mga bastos na akala mo kung sino sila na hindi man lang makapagbigay ng kaukulan respeto sa ating bandila at pambansang await, maghanda —handa na kayo ng inyong pang multa.

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**Barangay Recall Elections- dapat lang** - Mayroong mga ibang kupitan este kapitan ng barangay na walang ginawa o inatupag kung hindi mangurap, at sarili lang nilang kapakanan ang kanilang inatupag. Kaya panahon na para mang-sampol muli ng recall elections ng kupitan este kapitan (Punong Barangay). Sa totoo lang mayroon na tayong ginanyan. O ayun, asan si kupitan ngayon pagkatapos siyang pinulot sa kangkongang? Andun ngayon, isang maginhawang tindera sa palingki. Hi! Hi! Hi! Alam niyo mga dear readers, konting operational budget lang ang kailangan para mag-sagawa ng recall elections (basta't mayroong sapat na basehan) sa barangay. O, asan na mga magpi-finance? Sampolan na natin itong matulis na kupitana na ito!

Sa puntong ito ay nais ko muna kayong iwanan ng partial info hinggil sa recall elections na aking nakalap sa: <https://jlp-law.com/blog/primer-on-the-recall-process>

**Who may exercise the power of recall?** The power of recall for loss of confidence shall be exercised by the registered voters of a local government unit (LGU) to which the local elective official subject to such recall belongs.

**What are the legal provisions governing the process of recall?** Section 3, Article X of the Constitution provides that "Congress shall enact a local government code which shall provide for a more responsive and accountable local government structure instituted through a system of decentralization with effective mechanisms of recall, initiative, and referendum xxx." This is fleshed out in Republic Act No. 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended by R.A. 9244.

How is the recall process initiated? The recall of any elective provincial, city, municipal or barangay →

## EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

## Change had Came



BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

It's been a year when we were promised of a change that we never had in this country. So let us take a look at the changes that happened so far.

First we have the change of political parties. Those politicians who are wishing to be on the good side of the winner and get whatever perks that comes with being on the good side changed their political party as easy as changing clothes. Well, that change is so common already in the Philippine political arena but still it is a change.

The change on a leader we supported. After a year, some people started to change and they are starting to oppose the person they supported so dearly during the elections. The reason to this may vary from person to person. To some, their support changed because they don't agree with the decision being made by the leader. The funniest reason I saw is when a supporter suddenly became an opposition because he didn't get what he expected to get as a reward in helping during the elections. A traditional attitude that can drag humanity down. A change that we as a human must change.

A change in character. To most people using words that are not so kind in expressing your thoughts seemed to be better. Whatever happened to the art of effective communication? Nowadays it seemed lost. This is a change that we must correct.

Change in what is happening in the government. We have seen secretaries who came and went due to some allegations of corruption. A change that surprised everyone and made them think everything is real after all.

Change in the number of deaths. If we believe the statistics shown by the media, this is quite a change in the numbers of criminals and/or alleged criminal being killed. Though some people say that the streets are safer now, it won't look that good and sound good as it came to the expense of blood.

Change in the number. Accordingly, our economy is growing, and we are having higher rate of employment. A number of investor are going in the country and a lot of projects are being implemented. (if we are to believe the research of the BBC Hardtalk Host) Well then let's hope these keep improving and that sooner not later, we'll feel the effect of it.

A change in ally. Well we've been friends with the United States for so long and to everybody's surprise it seemed like that friendship is being set aside to connect with our neighboring countries. Others would say it is a stupid move. I would say it's about time. Let's break that shackle of spam mentality.

With all the changes happening, can we say we say we had a great leader? No. History will be the judge to that. Is he successful? In some ways yes and in other ways no. Can we as Filipinos help make a change that cannot hurt our country so bad. Yes, we can. Just set aside your personal agenda and set your sails with the wind of change and let's sail together towards the greater Philippines.

official shall be commenced by a petition of a registered voter in the LGU concerned and supported by the registered voters in the LGU concerned during the election in which the local official sought to be recalled was elected. The preparatory recall assembly was already removed as a means of initiating the recall process.

What are the required percentage of registered voters who must sign the petition?

1. At least 25% in the case of LGUs with a voting population of not more than 20,000.

Republic of the Philippines Regional Trial Court First Judicial Region Branch 7 Baguio City

IN THE MATTER OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF SOLEDAD E. REYES,

TERESA R. IGNACIO, represented by her Attorney-in-fact, ROBERTO R. IGNACIO

-and-

CLARA REYES PASTOR, represented by her Attorney-in-fact, RAMON R. PASTOR

Petitioners.

Special Proceeding Case No. 432-R X-----X

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been issued in

the above-entitled case in favor of AUGUSTO REYES AVECILLA of 0312 San Francisco St. Brookside Hills Subd. San Isidro Cainta, Rizal. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that notice be, and the same is hereby, given to all persons having claims for money against the decedent SOLEDAD ELCHICO REYES who died on April 26, 1989, arising from contract, express or implied, whether the same be due, not due, or contingent, for funeral expenses and expenses of the last sickness of the decedent, and judgment for money against her requiring them to file their claims with the REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, JUSTICE HALL, BAGUIO CITY, within a period of not later than June 29, 2018 after the first publication on June 29, 2017 in a newspaper of General Circulation. Pursuant to Section 3 Rule 86, of the Rules of Court, let this NOTICE TO CREDITORS be posted for three (3) consecutive weeks in the bulletin boards of this Court, the Justice Hall,

the City Hall, the City Market and the Post Office, all of Baguio City. SO ORDERED. Baguio City Philippines, this 15th day of May, 2017.

(SGD) Karldon M. Eustaquio Branch Clerk of Court

Publication Dates: July 1, 8 and 15, 2017

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF La Trinidad, Benguet

SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY (BENGUET) INC., Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. AMADOR AND NORMA SEPAL,

Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 17-ExF-1996

FOR: EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTIONS SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real mortgage, under Act 3135 as amended, filed by SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY (BENGUET) INC., with principal office and postal address at Acop, Tublay, Benguet, herein referred as the Mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of SPS. AMADOR AND NORMA SEPAL, with residence and postal address at Ambongdolan, Tublay, Benguet, herein referred as the Mortgagors, in real estate mortgage duly entered on

09 December 2009 and 8 October 2013. That as of 05 June 2017, the above-named mortgagors, SPS. AMADOR AND NORMA SEPAL, indebted to the mortgagee in the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00), Philippine Currency, excluding interest and penalties and other charges accruing thereon until fully paid; (b) Attorneys' fee amounting to Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00); (c) all cost and expenses of the foreclosure proceeding. That the undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at Public Auction on 18 JULY 2017 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (Benguet Justice Hall), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the mortgage real property including all improvements, erected thereon to the following described properties to wit:

"Beginning at a point marked "1" of Lot No. 2546, Cad 888, Case 2, Tublay Cadastre, Ambongdolan, Tublay, Benguet being S. 45-08 W., 1185.66 m. from BLBM No. 1, Ambongdolan, Tublay, Benguet thence:

N. 46-44 E, 84.30 m. to point 2; S. 54-02 E, 23.40 m. to point 3;

N. 70-09 E, 20.99 m. to point 4; S. 6-36 E, 63.03 m. to point 5;

S. 53-16 W., 33.89 m. to point 6; N. 59-53 W., 24.47 m. to point 7;

S. 70-16 W., 9-97 m. to point 8; N. 65-18 W., 54.58 m. to point of beginning.

Containing an area of FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWELVE (5,712) SQUARE METERS. xxx.

Interest/Prospective bidder/ buyers may investigate to the titles

themselves the properties herein above-described encumbrances thereof, if any there be.

All sealed bids must submitted to the undersigned as above stated time and date. Nonetheless, in the event the public auction should not take place on the said time and date, it shall be held on 08 August 2017 at the same place and time without need of republication and/or further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 20th day of JUNE 2017.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) JOSELITO E. SALES

Sheriff IV CP No. 0947-600-1740/0997-524-9160 (074) 424-7200

Publication Dates: June 24, July 1 and 8, 2017

Baguio PSUDs...

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deeres to the police and will be participating in the next batch of the IPCBP.

Meanwhile, despite inadequate funds for the campaign on war against drugs, the city government here through the CSWDO in partnership with other private and religious sectors continues to serve and assist said PSUDs who are willing to help themselves. /Jho Arranz

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City GREG CASTILLO Applicant CASE No. 2003-CAR-007 NOTICE OF HEARING This is an application filed on June 7, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - SCOUT BARRIO and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit. NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences. At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing. This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence. WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 22nd day of June 2017, Baguio City. ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City ONOFRE DE MESA Applicant CASE No. 98-BC-614 NOTICE OF HEARING This is an application filed on June 7, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - PNR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit. NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences. At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing. This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence. WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 22nd day of June 2017, Baguio City. ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City BRENDA AQUINO Applicant CASE No. 98-BC-482 NOTICE OF HEARING This is an application filed on June 7, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - UCAB - MIDAS and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit. NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences. At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing. This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence. WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 22nd day of June 2017, Baguio City. ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City TICMAN SANTOS Applicant CASE No. 98-BC-1051 NOTICE OF HEARING This is an application filed on June 7, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - ASIN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit. NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences. At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing. This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence. WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 22nd day of June 2017, Baguio City. ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City TICMAN SANTOS Applicant CASE No. 88-01-017 NOTICE OF HEARING This is an application filed on June 7, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - ASIN HOTSRING/NANGALISAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit. NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences. At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing. This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence. WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 22nd day of June 2017, Baguio City. ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City FRANKIE ESPENILLA Applicant CASE No. 88-01-741 NOTICE OF HEARING This is an application filed on June 7, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - SAN CARLOS HEIGHTS EXT. VIA QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit. NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences. At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing. This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence. WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 22nd day of June 2017, Baguio City. ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT Hearing Officer



**OF THE WEEK  
FAKE NEWS - BE FORWARDED**

**'WAG KANG TANGA! GAMITIN ANG COMMON SENSE!  
BREAKING: MANNY PACQUIAO TO QUIT  
PHILIPPINE SENATE SEAT**

**B**RISBANE, Australia (Exclusive to The Adobo Chronicles) – Once a boxer, always a boxer.

Filipino champion Manny Pacquiao told The Adobo Chronicles that he has made a very difficult decision to quit his seat as an elected

senator of the Philippines.

Pacquiao made the decision on the eve of his WBO World Welter-weight title fight against Australian Jeff Horn.

"I really miss boxing," he said, "and the smart



and wonderful people associated with the boxing sport."

"In the senate, my

**Editorial  
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"There is a vacuum of leadership when leadership is needed the most," he said. "DU30 has a lot to answer for."

I don't have the time nor the space now to discuss the serious foreign policy questions, involving our complex relations with the United States, China, Japan, Australia, Canada, the European Union, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which DU30 has tried to fiddle with to gain some international attention. This requires a particular focus, which cannot be done in a few soundbites. This will therefore have to wait.

But we cannot judge DU30's first year without

passing upon the moral question. This is the all-important question. Everything else flows from this.

There was a deliberate effort on the part of this President to shut down what is right and good and lawful, beginning with plain good manners, in favor of what is outrageous, illegal and wrong, beginning with fake news, sexual license, and killing.

Under DU30's spell, many of our people learned to applaud what they used to abhor and to despise what they once held sacred and inviolable. They lost their vision of the good they must live and fight for, and replaced it with what the powers of darkness have placed in the hands of this President.

Never has there been a

time in our history when three of the four highest officials of the executive and the legislative departments led openly amoral, if not immoral, lives. And they expect to be allowed to continue to lead?

DU30 came upon a sick society when he became President on June 30, 2016. He made it sicker still after a year. Whatever problems he may have about his own health, which he wants to keep to himself, our problems with him, and the nation's health are infinitely graver. What kind of courage will it take for anyone of us to say we can afford to remain this sick for the next five years?/Francisco S. Tatad/fstatad@gmail.com

**OMB brings anti-piracy...**

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Trade and Industry for the opening of satellite office in Davao in July and in Cebu City to cater to Mindanao and Visayas, respectively. For Northern Luzon, they are planning of put up one in Baguio. In the advent of new internet – based technologies, Adriano said they will push for the amendment of the Optical Media Act to make the law work on the new media such as regu-

lation on the uploading and downloading of video and audio materials. On top of OMB's initiative, Adriano reiterates that as the government continues to go after the source of pirated (video/audio) materials, OMB is also embarking on public education activities so that they can involve more people to support that campaign against piracy. OMB Executive Director Victor Luis Padilla II, in

the same forum, reiterated that while the government is doing its work, it is equally important that consumers also do their part. Until there are people buying, pirated materials will continue to be in the market, he stressed. Tackled during the forum include the OMB mandate, the laws and legal procedures involved in their work, registration and licensing process, and on women/children rights in the movie/music industry. (JDP/CCD-PIA CAR)

**Kakampi mo ang Batas**

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the fact that Ibanez was supposed to be of insufficient financial means to splurge on these evil vices on account of his being a mere construction worker.

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**BULACAN CRIMES SHOW FILIPINOS HAVE BECOME ANIMALS:** Yet, he nevertheless found the resources to satisfy his cravings. If this is not evil in itself, I don't know what is. Indeed, how could anyone who is living on a hand-to-mouth existence with starvation wages as a mere construction worker even think of devoting his hard earned-income to buying drugs and liquor?

This is what I have been harping on, for quite some time, in this column and in the other media outlets that have been opened for me. Filipinos have already descended to the level of animals, and all because they have turned their backs on God, spurning His Word, and no longer

obeying His commands.

I can see more of these heinous crimes being committed in the days to come, by drug- and liquor-crazed criminals, unless an honest-to-goodness moral revival, anchored on spiritual faith, is launched and pursued in earnest by right thinking Filipinos. The only problem here is that, this, I can see, is even an impossible dream.

May God have mercy on the Philippines and on Filipinos.

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Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**PETER BADOL**  
Applicant  
CASE No. 2014-CAR-047  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on June 7, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - GREEN VALLEY - BILIS - PULA (Sto. Tomas) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 22nd day of June 2017, Baguio City.

**ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT**  
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**CARLITO BORCE**  
Applicant  
CASE No. 2016-CAR-405  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on June 7, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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**ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT**  
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**RYAN LAPASTORA**  
Applicant  
CASE No. 2015-CAR-053  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on June 7, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TAM-AWAN VIA QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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**ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT**  
Hearing Officer

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF AN  
AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION OF MOTOR  
VEHICLE, INCLUDING CPC/FRANCHISE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late JOSEPH GAYMAN, who died on 01 OCTOBER 2012, at BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL (9BGH), BAGUIO CITY, Philippines, consisting of Motor Vehicle, which motor vehicle is more particularly described as an ISUZU JITNEY bearing Plate No. AYP-325, including its Certificate of Public Convenience (PCP) / Franchise granted under LTRFB Case No. 93-CAR-598, has been the subject of an AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE, INCLUDING CPC/FRANCHISE dated 31 MAY 2017, executed by his WIFE/SPOUSE and compulsory legal heir, ROSE D. GAYMAN, which instrument was duly entered as Doc. No. 230; Page No. 46; Book No. XLIV; Series of 2017, of the Notarial Register of Atty. JUN FRED V. PARADO, a Notary Public for and in BAGUIO CITY, Philippines.

June 24, July 1 and 8, 2017

## School teachers, staff required to undergo disaster risk management trainings

**B**AGUIO CITY - All teaching and non-teaching personnel of private and public schools in the city will now be required to undergo disaster risk reduction trainings to empower them to handle and respond to emergency situations especially since they are catering to students.

The city council approved Ordinance No. 62 series of 2017 authored by Councilor Leandro Yangot Jr. for this purpose.

“Trainings and seminars should be conducted to the faculty members of private and public schools since majority of the children and youth are inside

campuses during daytime, should any disaster or emergency occur,” the measure notes.

“Parents will feel a lot safer knowing that when it comes to emergency situations, the faculty members are properly trained to provide immediate patient care. Alongside the Barangay Emergency Response Team, the City Government can now count on the school faculty members to support the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC), making it more efficient and responsive to the needs that may arise.”

As decreed, the city will give all schools six

months to comply with the ordinance.

The CDRRMC is tasked to conduct trainings and seminars and monitor the implementation of the ordinance.

Yangot said this is in line with the policy of the city government to protect and promote the health and safety of all its residents and with the thrust of Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction Management Act of 2010 which recognizes the necessity of being prepared for the eventuality of any disaster, natural or man-made, in order to prevent or lessen its after-effects. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

## Tech4ED Center launched at Baguio library

**B**AGUIO CITY - The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), in cooperation with the city government, has launched a Tech4ED Center at the Baguio City Library, Burnham Park as part of its nationwide program.

Tech4ED stands for Technology Empowerment for Education, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Economic Development.

DICT regional coordinator Emil Aboy said the Center will serve as a knowledge area promoting digital literacy, business hubs and delivery channels of government services targeting out-of-school youth and adults, senior citizens, overseas Filipino workers and relatives, persons with disabilities, teachers, students, women, indig-

enous people and the general public.

“A project component of the DICT is focused on the use of ICT aimed to enable equal opportunities for the underserved and marginalized communities of the country’s rural and urban areas, empowering people towards a better life, transforming lives, making an impact and solving issues like the digital divide, educational disparity, unemployment, inadequate opportunities, and exclusive growth,” he revealed.

Aboy said ICT is the totality of any electronic means to access, create, collect, store, process, receive, transmit, present and disseminate data or information.

A Tech4ED Center has ICT equipment like computers with internet connectivity provided with access to the

and enhance varying levels of knowledge and skills competencies of the various sectors of society especially the un-served and underserved.

The segments include eGovServ that provides links to government services and application forms; eAssist aims to empower special sectors through access to necessary skills training content in answer to specific industry needs; eEduSkills delivers e-learning on demand to address the educational divide; eAgri provides contents and services on agricultural technologies for farmers and fisher folk; eMarketPlace provides greater market reach beyond the entrepreneurs’ community for exponential economic growth and opportunities; and many more.

Both Secretary to the Mayor Raffy Tallocoy and acting city librarian Fe Requilman lauded the project as they encouraged the public to make use of the Center’s free services. They also reminded everyone to be responsible “netizens” in the use of technology. /Gaby Keith



City officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, representative Marquez Go, City Environment and Parks Management Officer Cordelia Lacsamana cut the ceremonial ribbon during the celebration of Philippine Environment Month arts exhibits with the theme: "Connecting People To Nature" at the City Hall lobby./By Bong Cayabyab

## 14 events lined up for 30th CAR founding anniversary

**L**A TRINIDAD, Benguet June 28 - The Benguet provincial government and the Cordillera office of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP-CAR) have lined up some fourteen simple but meaningful events for the celebration of the 30th founding anniversary of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) this month with the theme CAR@30: A Celebration of Unity.

The activities will jump off with a region-wide information and education campaign on regional autonomy for Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representatives (IPMRs) anytime from July to November to sustain the gains of partnering with concerned sectors of society to boost the region’s renewed quest for regional autonomy.

The traditional Unity Gong Relay will kick off at the Benguet Provincial Capitol on July 8, 2017, with the Benguet provincial government led by Gov. Crescencio C. Pacalso initiating activities for the said event.

On July 9-14, there will be programs in the different provinces and Baguio City in time for the turnover of the Unity Gong in the said places

with the different local governments preparing their respective activities to welcome the Unity Gong and for its transfer from one province to another during the period.

Further, ceremonial tree planting activities will be done in the different provinces and Baguio City on July 9-14 as part of the activities for the arrival of the Unity Gong in their places.

On July 9-31, lawyer Roland P. Calde, NCIP-CAR regional director, revealed that there will also be the separate tree planting activities for their Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino program beneficiaries as well as other stakeholders to inculcate in the minds of the youth the importance of contributing to efforts to preserve and protect the region’s environment.

The 2nd International Conference on Cordillera Studies will be held at the CAP John Hay Convention Center on July 12-4 spearheaded by the University of the Philippines (UP) Cordillera Studies Center.

The youth will be given a wider participation in this year’s Cordillera month celebration with the conduct of the Cor-

dillera Got Talent on July 14 followed by the Youth Concert for Regional Autonomy at the Benguet State University (BSU) gymnasium at around 5 pm of the same day.

Pacalso will be hosting Cordillera officials to a fellowship night at around 6 pm on July 14 at the Ben Palispis Hall as a prelude to the main program the following day.

On July 15, delegations from the different parts of the Cordillera will participate in the Cordillera Day grand parade from the Benguet Provincial Capitol grounds up to the Wangal Sports complex where the founding anniversary program will be held.

Participants for the CAR founding anniversary program will also have a chance to witness the coffee pavilion and trade exhibit which will be done simultaneously with the program of the day followed by the Shayoney fashion show at the SM City Baguio events center at around 5 pm of the same day.

The activities will culminate with a Cultural Summit which celebrates Cordillera heritage on July 28 at the Ben Palispis Hall of the Provincial Capitol. /By Dexter A. see

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